maintained by Government. Two new roads should be opened in the Punalur town, one from Quilon-Shencotta road to the Anchal-Punalur road and the other from the Adur-Punalur road to the Quilon-Shencotta road. Another need of the town was the construction of a flight of steps in the Kallada river near the palace and the Travellers' Bungalow.

The member next stated that ferry boats were necessary at the junction of the Nedumkunnu-Kamukancheri road and the Rakiberiyar road, also at the 12th mile of the Chengamanad-Kadakal village road.

Next he referred to the Pattanapuram dispensary and urged that the rickety building in which the dispensary and the post-mortem shed were housed should be repaired.

Another subject taken up by the member was the registry of lands in the Pattanapuram taluk. The Kadakaman and Piravanthur reserves in the taluk should be disafforested and assigned to inhabitants of the taluk in small blocks.

So far as the Judicial Department was concerned, a Munsiff's court should be established at Pattanamtitta or at least a Village Panchayat court.

As regards educational institutions, the member stated that the vernacular school at Punalur should be shifted to a suitable building.

The member urged in conclusion that all district officers should be instructed to camp at Pattanamtitta at least for two days every month.

The Dewan told the member that the reply to the representation would be given after lunch.

111. Needs of the Shencotta taluk.

MR. S. K. SIVASUBRAMONYA PILLAI (*Member, Shencotta taluk*) said that the T. R. S. works in the Shencotta taluk were not completed in spite of repeated representations. A special staff should therefore be appointed for completing the works. The necessary Budget provision should also be made in one amount and the work carried out at one stretch. In regard to the irrigation scheme an expert should be appointed to examine the question.

The following tanks in the taluks should be restored as early as practicable : Puthukulam, Veerapandiaperikulam and Vikaramapandiaperikulam in the Achanputhur pakuthi and the Chattanathan kulam in the Ayikudi pakuthi.

The following roads should be maintained properly :

(1) the branch road from the Quilon-Shencotta road to Karkudi, Tavana etc.

(2) the branch road from the Quilon-Shencotta road to Puliyara, Thekkummudu etc.

(3) the road from the Shencotta-Kulathupuzha chowkey road to Chathia Medu.

(4) the road between Aikudi and Klangad.

(5) the road between Elathur and Atchanputhur.

(6) the Kambli branch road from the Shencotta-Samburvadakara road, as far as Vindan Kottai in the Samburvadakara pakuthi.

Bridges should be constructed over the Hanumanadi at Aikudi, over the Samburvadakara river and over the Klangad river.

Two culverts should be constructed across the branch road from the Shencotta Kulathupuzha chowkey road, one near Oorani and the other over the Mottaikal branch. Another culvert should be constructed across the Puliyara branch road, near the south-eastern corner of the Chathian Ooranikulam in the Puliyara village.

So far as the Forest Department was concerned, suitable grazing grounds should be provided for cattle in the Kulathupuzha reserve, the Puliyara reserve and the Valiyaparambu.

In regard to the Agricultural Department, the member stated the need for shifting the agricultural farm now situated at a remote corner to the centre of the taluk.

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DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sivasubramonia Pillai, I have already expressed my view on the subject of grazing lands for cattle and on the subject of removing the agricultural farm. Of the remaining points, will you kindly select four of these which you consider most necessary and communicate a list to the Chief Secretary. I will have them examined.

112. Needs of the Shencotta taluk.

MR. N. K. S. KRISHNASWAMI KARAYALAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Shencotta*) dealt with the following subjects :—

(1) Construction of pucca bridges over Hanumanadi at Aikudi and Sambavarvadakara. The necessity for a bridge at Aikudi was urged before the Assembly at the 22nd and 23rd sessions, but it was stated that an estimate had been called for. The proposal had not, however, progressed beyond that. The necessity for the bridge had become keener with the opening of the Tenkasi-Virudanagar railway. Equally important was the construction of a bridge at Sambavarvadakara. The construction of this bridge could not wait, as Government supposed, till the completion of the bridge at Aikudi.

(2) Holding of agricultural conferences every year. This subject was brought forward at the 21st session of the Assembly, when Government expressed their opinion in favour of it. But no conferences were actually held till now.

(3) The necessity for the improvement of the Aikudi-Kilangad road and the opening of an approach road to the above road from the Valliammapuram railway station. There was no easy access from the new railway station at Valliammapuram to the adjacent places. People alighting at the station were therefore put to considerable inconvenience. The station should first be connected with Kilangad and Aikudi by a road. For that the Ayikudi-Kilangad road running through Kilangad should be connected with the station by an approach road. Secondly, the Ayikudi-Kilangad road was not in good condition. The road should be improved.

(4) The necessity for the opening of an agricultural school and a weaving school in the taluk. Agriculture and weaving formed the chief occupations of the people of the taluk and it was necessary that they should be given up to date instruction in both.

DEWAN'S REPLY; Mr. Krishnaswami Karayalar, in regard to the bridge over Hanumannadi at Aikudi and Samburvadakara, the Chief Engineer has now received the hydraulic details upon which he is going to make calculations for a bridge and the matter is under examination.

In regard to Aikudi-Kilangad road, I have nothing to add to what I said last year on the subject beyond saying that the question of a road is under consideration.

Government have already opened an agricultural school at Alwaye and one more will shortly be opened at Kottarakara. Another one is also under contemplation. I do not consider that it is possible to open one at Shencotta.

So too in regard to the weaving school. The Director of Industries who enquired into the matter found that the only handicap from which the industry is suffering is the lack of circulating capital. There are rules under which industrial loans can be granted. If you apply under these rules, I have no doubt you will get whatever help is possible. In regard to the two schools, you mentioned, if they are opened by private agencies, Government might consider the question of a grant.

113. Needs of the Shencotta town.

MR. N. K. S. KRISHNASWAMI KARAYALAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Shencotta*) spoke on the following needs of the Shencotta town:—

(1) Necessity for the construction of a Satrom near the Shencotta railway station. The accommodation in the Shencotta railway station was very poor, particularly for third class passengers. The station was growing in importance. A Satrom should therefore be provided near the station for the comfort of passengers.

(2) Desirability of removing toddy and arrack shops from the town limits. The arrack shop at Shencotta was situated just near the court building and the toddy shop a furlong away from it. Since Shencotta was on the frontier, people flocked into these shops from the neighbouring British Indian villages. As a result, the places

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